

- To sister September 13th 1861

Dear Sister:

I received your letter a day or two ago. Henry was then sick out in the country and now I have sent him up the river at the house of a Mr. Stubbs in Gloucester County. He is one of the cleverest gentlemen you ever saw. generous, kind and is very wealthy. One of my men went up and stayed with him when he was sick, came back and said he had as much attentive and as many comforts as he could have received at home. So I concluded Henry had better go and stay until he got well as the Doctor said he was threatened with Typhoid fever. He was getting better when he left. and I have no doubt but that his recovery will be more rapid as there are three beautiful, nice and kind young ladies living at the house in which he is staying. They are very attentive to the sick. The only change Mr. Stubbs makes is: to send his friends up if he have any sick. The citizens of Gloucester take care of the soldiers free of charge. Henry is not very sick, he only had a fever that had been on him for five or six days and was still on him when he left. He was walking about, Lieut. Fred has gone to the same place to meet his wife, she and Mrs. Colquitt are going to board at the same house. I do not know whether they have come or not.

I am not well, have been sick for the last four days, throwing up everything I eat. I do not know what is the matter with me. I still report for duty, as it makes guard duty very severe on the well men, when we get one sick. Out of 78 men only twenty five or thirty are honest enough to say they are able to stand guard. Some are really not able but a good many, who are able, say they are not. They take ten men from my company every day for guard duty, which makes my time come every third day. My time will come on the 27th & 30th of Sept. then they 3rd, 6th, 9th & c. of Oct. I might not to tell you when the exact time is but only want to show you the frequency of my time. I can not change now. I stood guard yesterday in a very hard rain, I stood from 1 till 3 o'clock P. M. 7 to 9 P.M. 1 to 3 A.M. & 7 to 10 A.M. Thats the way they have the guard hours arranged.

We have not had our expected fight yet and now I do not believe we are going to have one. Can you tell me where Eugiene R. is I can not find out here at all I want to write to him Sister Susan wrote me the same day I received yours that cousin Zeke had gone back to Va. and carried Albert Thorpe and several of the boys from Perry. I wrote to

cousin Zeke in Henderson. He will need more than three blankets for the winter. It is cold here, the people say that York River has frozen over once in time and it is five miles wide a mile below here. Wagons have gone across from Gloucester point to York Town with solid ice. We can get as many fish and oysters as we want now. Four of the largest kind of trout only cost ten cents. They are the only cheap things in Virginia, such shoes as brought from home cost five dollars here. These miserable [cats?] will extort the last cent out of you. A common cotton handkerchief costs seventy five cents salt [?] per pound some of the rascals charge 10 cents a piece for eggs and seventy five cents a day for a sick soldier to lay on the floor in their houses.

Our pay day comes around one day next week I believe Henry and I will receive \$39.70 a piece. I must close. Don't be uneasy about Henry I will give you timely notice is he get worse. Give love to all, your aff. brother

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